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Absentee Ballots Ready for Citizens and Military Personnel

Ballots for voting absentee by those citizens unable to vote in person at the polls on November 7 election are now available from County Auditors, according to Al Jaeger, Secretary of State.

The form to apply for an absentee ballot is available from a County Auditor's office or from the Secretary of State's website at www.nd.gov/sec. Voters do not have to provide a reason for requesting a ballot. Upon receipt of the application, the County Auditor will mail a ballot to the voter. The envelope returning the ballot to the county must be postmarked no later than November 6.

Prior to the election, voters also have the option of casting an absentee ballot in person at the County Auditor's office during regular business hours.

Jaeger encourages families with military personnel and civilians stationed overseas to contact county election officials or the election division of the Secretary of State's office as soon as possible. Changes were made in state law by the 2005 legislature to make possible the timely transmission and return of ballots by personnel stationed overseas. However, the process should be initiated immediately to ensure the ballot is returned to the county in time for counting.